

OPTN/UNOS Pancreas Transplantation Committee
Meeting Summary
December, 9, 2015
Teleconference

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Discussions of the full committee on December, 9, 2015 are summarized below and will be reflected in the committee's next report to the OPTN/UNOS Board of Directors. Meeting summaries and reports to the Board are available at <http://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov/>.

Committee Projects

1. Pancreas Underutilization – Revisions to Facilitated Pancreas Allocation

The Proposal to Revise Facilitated Pancreas Allocation was approved by the OPTN/UNOS Board of Directors on December 1st, 2015.

2. Clarifications to Blood Type for Kidney-Pancreas Allocation

The Committee discussed the upcoming project to be submitted to the Policy Oversight Committee (POC) for approval in January 2016. During the Committee's meeting in Chicago in October 2015, the Committee discussed the current restrictions by blood type for kidney-pancreas allocation. There was agreement among Committee Members that the current restrictions are not necessary and are deleterious to the current state of pancreas transplantation. The Committee stated that they would like to pursue a project that would revise policy to allow clinically-compatible blood types to be allowed for kidney-pancreas allocation.

During this teleconference, the Committee reviewed the current policies regarding blood type restrictions on kidney-pancreas and kidney-alone allocation. Committee leadership presented previous discussions with the SRTR regarding the use of kidney-pancreas simulation (KPSAM) to model potential changes to blood type restrictions. These simulations would be used to assess the impact of a policy change on simultaneous pancreas-kidney (SPK) and kidney-alone transplant volumes and waiting times.

The Committee, along with SRTR staff, discussed the potential use of simulation, and the Committee's data request to the SRTR, following approval by the POC. The committee agreed on several simulations to be submitted to the SRTR following project approval in January 2016.

Implemented Committee Projects

3. Pancreas Allocation System

The second 6 month analysis of the Pancreas Allocation System was done on October 31st 2015. In line with *Policy 11.3.B Kidney-Pancreas Waiting Time Criteria for Candidates at least 18 years old*, UNOS staff review active kidney-pancreas candidates to determine if the maximum allowable BMI needs to be reduced or increased. This determination is based on the percentage of active kidney-pancreas candidates that meet criterion 3.b. in Policy 11.3.B. After review by UNOS staff, the maximum allowable BMI will remain at 30 kg/m².

Upcoming Meetings

- January 20th, 2016 (Teleconference)
- March 8th, 2016 (Teleconference)
- March 30th, 2016 (In-Person Meeting in Chicago)